

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press.

Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East; Corn Cobs of Grapes and Peaches from the North; Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West, and Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South.

Asheville wants four new railroad lines. Winston proposes to erect a knitting factory at an early day.

There is a poplar tree in Wilkes county 24 feet in circumference.

Over \$600,000 have been subscribed to the Greensboro steel works.

Ex Gov. W. W. Holden is suffering from another stroke of paralysis.

Rev. Sam Jones will begin his meeting at Charlotte on the 25th of April.

Asheville is to have a new hotel. It will cost \$100,000 and have 400 rooms.

Hayesville, Clay county, is shortly to have a newspaper to be called the *Head-light*.

The Greenville *Reflector* says that corn planting is in full blast down that way now.

The authorities at Charlotte are to put in ten new water hydrants says the *News*.

A \$15,000 publishing house will be run in Durham in connection with Trinity College.

The peach crop in Piedmont, North Carolina, was killed by the late cold weather.

A cotton factory is to be built at Harden, on the narrow gauge road between Lincoln and Dallas.

The Elizabeth City *Carolinian* says the cold weather has destroyed the truck and fruit is badly damaged.

The Rev. Joiner, who tried hard to get up a Southern outrage, left Greensboro last week for Cincinnati.

Dr. W. J. Jones and Mr. Robert Durham, both prominent citizens of Clayton, died during the past week.

Six guests registered at the penitentiary last Wednesday; three from New Hanover and three from Alleghany.

Concord Presbytery has refused to dissolve the relation between Rev. Dr. Wood and the Statesville Church.

A ten-year-old daughter of the late Rev. Martin McQueen was burned to death near Carthage a few days ago.

A special train carrying six coaches filled with Northern capitalists, passed through Charlotte one day last week.

A young man was killed during a storm near Laurinburg last week by a tree falling on him while he was driving a team.

The N. C. Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met at St. John's Church, Catawba county, on last Thursday.

The *Argus* says that the Goldsboro water works are being liberally patronized by the people of that progressive town.

Rev. N. M. Jurney and several others went over to the Banks last week hunting, and brought back three deer.—*Atlantic Seaside*.

Richmond Pearson has just purchased eleven acres of property in the business portion of Asheville, for which he paid \$33,500.

Asheville *Journal*: Mrs. J. R. Patterson, wife of Clerk Patterson, of the Criminal Court, died at Philadelphia yesterday morning.

The *Journal* says that Miss Burdette, sister of Robert J. Burdette, the famous humorist, is in New Bern engaged in missionary work.

Washington *Gazette*: A horse belonging to Mr. Jesse Griffin committed suicide by jumping into the river at the market one day last week.

The mercury fell to 24 degrees in the New Bern section Sunday morning. All vegetables which escaped the previous cold spell were killed.

The Directors of the Greensboro Cotton Mills have purchased a site at the foot of South Elm street and will soon begin work on their factory.

Mt. Holly *News*: What has become of the fish? Only two shad and very few red horse have been caught at the fisheries below here this season.

Mrs. Barney, the Secretary of the prison committee of the National Women's Christian Association, will lecture in Raleigh on the 10th of April.

The Greensboro *North State* says: Men of brain and great foresight estimate that Greensboro will have 30,000 inhabitants within two years from the present time.

Goldsboro *Argus*: The news reaches us that Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, aged about 60 years, died on the farm of W. B. Fort, Esq., near Pikeville, this county, yesterday.

Hendersonville *Times*: The corps of engineers on the French Broad Valley railroad have completed the survey of the routes from this place to Reedyditch gap, and are now working between here and the French Broad river. This route will probably be finished this week and then the work of leveling up will be begun.

Dallas *Eagle*: The King's Mountain Mill is about ready to start the looms, purchased not long since.—Mr. Jesse Baker died at his home on Beavertown Sunday night, in the 87th year of his age.

The livery stables of Mr. J. C. Deaton were burned at Mooresville on the 22d. Mr. Deaton saved his horses and vehicles. Two offices, a one story cottage and about 300 cords of wood were burned also.

The *News* says that thieves cleaned out the coal house of Church St. Methodist church in Charlotte a few nights ago. A thief who would rob a church would steal the coppers from the eyes of a dead negro.

The Asheville Electric Light Company has decided to double its plant. The addition to be made will be the well known Edison three-wire system, and the total capacity will be 720 lights of 16-candle power.

Surveyors on the proposed railroad between Leaksville and Madison arrived here Friday. Six of their number returned to Leaksville yesterday. Won't we be "some" when we get three railroads?—*Madison Leader*.

A three masted schooner, the Joseph Rudd, lumber-laden, from Wilmington, was wrecked on Lookout Shoals, near Beaufort last week. The crew were saved. The vessel and cargo was a total loss, but was insured.

Concord *Times*: R. A. Barringer, a white man about 20 years of age, who has been working at the Allison mine, was arrested Monday evening for stealing a gold watch belonging to W. C. Walls, working at Forest Hill.

We are informed that Prof. Furman says that the tin business at King's mountain is not dead yet; that the machinery for separating the ore was defective and that there is, in his opinion, rich tin ore there.—*Lincoln Courier*.

High Point *Enterprise*: The Modern Barn Company have put in a new saw in the basket factory, thereby doubling the capacity. The company's shipments to other States are increasing, 3,500 sticks to South Carolina Tuesday.

Clinton *Caucasian*: Mr. Thos. K. Bryan, a prominent citizen of Faison, a former citizen of Sampson, who has been afflicted for several years with paralysis, died at his home on last week, the 12th inst., aged about sixty years.

Newton *Enterprise*: Farmers from the eastern part of the county are getting their fertilizer for the cotton crop. From the rapidity with which they are hauling it away it looks as if they are setting their stakes for a big crop this year.

The Dallas *Eagle* says that some young lawyers were arrested at Cherryville recently for violating the town ordinances, and they plead their own cases with their hats on. The *Eagle* thinks they ought to be fined for contempt of court.

There is more lumber shipped from Red Springs than any inland town in the State, there being an output of from sixty to seventy-five thousand feet per day. We notice cars loaded with lumber at this place billed to Muskegan, Michigan.

A terrible storm visited a portion of Northampton county a few days ago. A number of houses were blown down. Fruit trees and other timber suffered greatly. One man, A. M. Powell, is said to have lost \$3,000 worth of property.

We learn that the Big Swamp Improvement Co. are to erect a \$6,000 mill at the mouth of the swamp. They have already expended \$150,000 on the draining of the swamp, and are soon to put a boat in for hauling timber to the mill.—*Robesonian*.

The jury in the case of Walter Yates, tried for murder, stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction on the first ballot. Two more ballots were had without change and on the fourth ballot the vote for acquittal was unanimous.—*Wilmington Star*.

Milton *Advertiser*: The joint stock tobacco factory enterprise is making very satisfactory progress. Bids for more than \$60,000 worth of stock have been received, and now it is proposed to make the capital stock \$1000 or perhaps \$200,000.

Three negro boys assaulted the eight-year-old son of Mr. J. W. Stancil, near Charlotte, one day last week. They tried to make the horse which the boy was driving run away by throwing rocks. One rock struck the boy on the head and cut a deep gash.

Among the lawyers attending the Supreme Court this week are Messrs. C. B. Watson, of Winston; Col. Paul R. Means, of Concord; C. H. Armfield, of Statesville; Col. M. S. McCorkle, of Newton; E. E. Raper, of Lexington; L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville.

The Raleigh *News-Observer* says: It gives us pleasure to note that Winston sold fifteen per cent. more manufactured tobacco in February than Danville did—Danville being justly regarded as a leading tobacco market. We take off our hat to Winston. The sales for the month were \$68,461.88. Her sales during February were 100,000 pounds greater than Danville's.

Sam Williams, a colored laborer, dropped dead while working at the house of Dr. Nelson last Sunday evening. A few minutes previous he had been in the house and was in the best of humor. His death was caused by heart disease.—*Asheville Citizen*.

The Charlotte *News* of the 25th brings us news of the destruction by fire of Mr. D. P. Lee's grist mill, saw mill, gin and a quantity of stored hay and seed. Mr. Lee is one of the best farmers in Mecklenburg county, and has our sympathy in this hour of trouble.

The Tarboro *Southerner* says that Wm. Thorne, a colored mail carrier, was arrested a few days ago for stealing a gold watch. While the P. M. was opening the mail he opened the show case and took out the watch. He is in jail and Mr. Wanamaker has a vacant office on his hands.

The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will have published a series of eight letters in the N. Y. *World* to advertise the twin cities. The series of letters are to cost \$2,000 and are to be written up by Mrs. Marie Wright, the *World's* traveling correspondent.—*News-Observer*.

Stanly *Observer*: The railroad surveying corps completed the route from Gold Hill via Millgrove via Bileville to Albemarle, on Friday of last week.—Superintendent Hardesty is driving away at the Hearne & Hathcock mine, fixing up his ten-stamp mill and other machinery.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte *Chronicle* reports the death of Mr. John Julian at that town on the 22d ult. Mr. Julian was employed at the train yards and fell from the shifting engine and was run over by the engine. It is thought that his death resulted from internal injuries.

Greensboro *Workman*: It is only a few years ago that a house and lot here now held at \$5,000 could have been bought for \$1,300, and other vacant lots now held at \$400 to \$600 could not have been sold at any price. These are some of the marks of a boom about which there can be no mistake.

Durham *Globe*: Officer Faucette and Mr. Harden returned this morning from Fayetteville, where they went to get the man who took Mr. Harden's horse. They found that the man was of unsound mind, and everything was agreeably arranged, by the unfortunate man's brother paying all expenses and buying the horse.

Ensign A. G. Rogers of the U. S. Navy, who is a son of the late Hon. Simon H. Rogers, of Raleigh, has been promoted to a Lieutenant and been transferred to the U. S. Man of War, Monongahela, to the McArthur Valleys, California. Lieut. Rogers is a brother to Deputy Sheriff W. H. Rogers and nephew to Sheriff J. Rowan Rogers.

Danbury *Post*: We saw Mr. Peter George going up the street this morning with a nice string of catfish "fat kish" which he had taken in his basket-trap last night. A young gentleman of this place finished his new fish-trap a few days ago, put it into a stream near by, and the first night caught seven fine fat frogs, "frog togs" you know.

A love letter which was destroyed in the Clinton postoffice when it was burned ten years ago, caused to break up the courtship between Miss Belle Mathis of that town and Mr. D. A. Bizzell, of Johnston county, as each thought the other untrue. They made up again, however, after so many years and on Friday they were united in marriage near Clinton.

We learn from the Statesville *Landmark* that Mr. D. A. Morrison, of Iredell county, met with a painful accident at his roller mills, on the Catawba river, one day last week. Mr. Morrison was working near a circular saw, which was in motion, and fell, and in doing so, threw one foot in the way of the saw and all the toes of the right foot were severed.

The Tarboro Correspondent of the Scotland Neck *Democrat* says: "Mr. O. C. Farrar, the enterprising President of the Tarboro Cotton Factory, has now on foot a scheme for the erection of another Cotton Factory here soon. This one is to be much larger than the first, and will cost \$500,000. Mr. Farrar says he can raise the desired amount outside of Tarboro."

Hillsboro *Observer*: Died at his home in Cedar Grove township, on Friday, March 14th, Mr. James Porterfield, in the 84th year of his age. He leaves a widow and six children.—Mr. John Turner died at the home of his son, Mr. Theodore Turner, in Little River township, last Sunday. He was the oldest son of the late Josiah Turner, and was 73 years of age.

Danbury *Post*: No county in North Carolina can offer a greater variety of minerals possessing commercial value in large quantities than Stokes county. Mr. McRae was here last Tuesday, and reports another heavy find of iron high up on the Souratown mountain. It will be something should these mountain knobs turn out to be immense deposits of iron ore. Mr. Jennings gave us this week a specimen from his land, the large deposit reported some weeks since, which was fine iron (magnetic) as we have seen in any place.

Asheville *Citizen*: General P. M. B. Young has begun work in earnest on his paving contract with Asheville and when the first day of May arrives he will be on the ground with a force of men and will push the job as rapidly as possible. At present General Young is having brick made at Knoxville, Hickory and this place, and will give them a thorough test, choosing only the best for use in Asheville.

Franklin *Times*: The negroes are still leaving this county. We learn that nearly all who were on the plantations of Messrs. A. W. Wilson, L. B. Allen and several from H. D. Egerton's left this week. They left in the night without giving notice to their landlords or anybody else.—Mrs. Owen Davis, an aged and highly esteemed lady of this county, died one night last week. She was about 79 years of age.

Charlotte *Chronicle*: Two car-loads of negro emigrants from Franklin county, passed through Charlotte yesterday, on their way to Louisiana.—Frank Williams was in the city yesterday exhibiting some fine specimens of gold ore which were taken from a recently discovered mine in Mecklenburg county. Mr. Williams says that there is every appearance that the mine is a rich one, extensive veins having already been discovered.

Greenville *Reflector*: Thirty negroes emigrated from this section last Thursday, and it took two agents to get that many off.—Yesterday Mr. W. A. Barrett showed us an egg that in its make up had departed very materially from the usual order. It was what is called a soft shell hen egg and in size was as large as a goose egg of about the usual size with the regulation hard shell on it. Between these two shells was considerable of the white egg but no yolk.

Mount Holy *News*: Craigie Lewis, brother of Mr. J. R. Lewis, of Dallas, died suddenly on Tuesday of this week in Louisiana, where he has been living for some time.—The house of M. John Baker, of High Shoals neighborhood, this county, was burglarized on the night of the 8th instant by John Lynch and Make Pool, both white men. Mr. Baker's family were not at home. The burglars took nearly everything of value in the house. The burglars up to this writing have not been captured.

There was quick work made of a criminal in this county last week. On Tuesday night Allen Williams broke into the house of Mr. R. T. Wilson, in Chicod township. Next morning Williams was brought to Greenville and turned over to the Sheriff. The Grand Jury, then in session, investigated the matter and sent up a true bill. The same day the case was heard in Court, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty of burglary in the second degree, and Judge Boykin sentenced Williams to 10 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.—*Greenville Reflector*.

Tarboro *Southerner*: A report is to the effect that one of the piers to the Roanoke bridge of the Norfolk road bed has sunk.—It is reported that the W. & W. railroad company will build a road from Washington via Greenville to Wilson. This will supply a long felt want for Washington.—Theo. Vick, who was tried at Rocky Mount this week for stealing a watch, was convicted and committed to jail to await trial at the next term of the Superior Court. Yesterday John A. Davis, V. B. Sharp, Wright Stallings, Mrs. Dunn and others, gave the required bond of \$400 and took him out of jail.

Rockingham *Spirit of the South*: The news comes to us from Hamlet that near that place, a few days ago, a little son of Mr. D. M. Henderson, aged about seven years, shot and killed his little brother, about ten years. It seems that an elder brother of the little boys had been out hunting for crows and returned home, sitting his double-barrel gun down by a tree in the yard whilst he stepped off for a few minutes—before doing so, however, cautioning his little brothers not to touch the gun. But his admonition was not heeded, and the result was the gun was discharged, the load taking effect in the little boy's side, which caused his death a few hours afterwards.

Sanford *Express*: E. P. Armstrong has patented an improved log placer for a saw mill carriage which saves the work of one hand about a saw mill.—On Monday afternoon Mrs. L. T. Brown was sitting in her buggy in front of N. Allcott's residence, while her servant had gone into the house. The approach of a train frightened the horse she was driving and it dashed off down a steep precipice, throwing Mrs. Brown from the buggy. She was picked up in an unconscious state, resulting from slight concussion of the brain, and remained in that condition for some time. She is improving and her recovery is now assured. It was a narrow escape from death.

News from China is to the effect that 1,500 houses had been burned in the city of Tokio. The fire was accidental. Several serious encounters between Dutch troops and a party of Chinese are reported. Several were killed and ten wounded.

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR A WEEK.

A shock of earthquake occurred at Bonn.

The North Dakota legislature adjourned sine die.

Mrs. Birchell was released from custody at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Daniel M. Fox, ex-mayor of Philadelphia, died at Atlantic City.

Vegetables and orange blossoms were injured by frost in Florida.

The premium on gold has declined to 158 per cent. in Buenos Ayres.

Three persons were killed and six injured by a landslide at Troy, N. Y.

Governor Ferry, of Washington, signed the Australian election system bill.

The London stock market is weak on account of Bismarck's retirement from office.

The New York court of appeals decides that murderer Kemmler must die by electricity.

The mayor of St. Louis is threatened with impeachment for vetoing the £0 cent gas bill.

An oil well flowing at the rate of 9,000 barrels per day was struck near Findlay, O., last week.

The bodies of the victims of the recent massacre at Uungus, Congo, were eaten by the natives.

The steamer Ethel Gwendoline foundered off Ratray Head, Scotland, and seven were drowned.

Telegrams from Rio Janeiro state that yellow fever has broken out in the cities of Campinas and San Paulo.

Peter Pierson, a Chicago printer, jumped off the Robert street bridge in St. Paul and was instantly killed.

President Harrison carried home about sixty-five ducks as trophies of his marksmanship at Bengie's Point, Md.

It is said that the American minister at Madrid, Mr. Palmer, will resign his office and run for Governor of Michigan.

Lake shore fruit growers in Michigan express the opinion that the peach crop of that State is a failure again this year.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 25.—Geo. W. Peck, the humorist, has been made the Democratic candidate for mayor of this city.

The Rothschilds have signed a convention for the conversion of \$75,000,000 of the last convertible 5 per cent. Russian loan.

A serious collision occurred on the Northwestern Railroad near Baraboo, Wis., in which six passengers were badly injured.

London, March 25.—The queen accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, sailed to-day for Cherbourg, en route to Air los Bains.

WINCHESTER, Va., March 25.—The Grand Army of the Republic has purchased the tract of land comprising the Cedar Creek battle ground.

Leprosy is dying out near Tacadie, N. B., where the government lazaretto is established. There were three deaths there last year.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Harrison to-day issued a proclamation announcing that the British extradition treaty will go into effect ten days hence, April 4th, next.

James Hyde shot and killed William Turnbull in front of Fourteenth street theatre, New York. They were rival ticket speculators.

Mme. Tani wife of the Chinese minister, made her first appearance in public at a theatre party, and created a sensation in Washington society.

The autopsy revealed that Farmer Floyd, who was shot by a burglar at Westport, N. Y., lived five weeks with broken neck and a fractured skull.

The Pacific Northwest League was admitted to the protection of the national agreement. It consists of clubs at Portland, Seattle and Spokane.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 25.—Mrs. Harrison and party arrived in this city this morning at 8 o'clock. At 2:40 p. m. the party left for Asheville.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew and his family left New York for St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. Depew is endeavoring to get rid of an attack of the grip.

It is mysteriously rumored in Fredericksburg, Va., that a big attempt at fraud involving over \$1,000,000 will shortly be brought to light in Stafford county.

The Berlin labor conference has adopted a resolution favoring the prohibition of the employment of children under 12 years of age in factories and mines.

The thirteenth annual session of the Supreme Council Royal Templars of Temperance will be opened in Buffalo on Tuesday next and will last four days.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 25.—A copper tube four inches long, containing powder and percussion caps, was found in the stock room of postoffice yesterday. Inspector Edgerton thinks it is an infernal machine.

The Senate in secret session confirmed the following postmasters: A. N. Brice, Sunbury, Pa.; E. W. Davis, Athens, Pa.; and John Pettenger, Washington, N. J.

Veronica Smith, aged 75, fell down a flight of stairs at St. Francis convent, at Beverly, N. J., a few miles from Bordentown, and was killed. She never spoke after falling.

Michael Brady, a guest of Mr. Richard Seybold, of Westfield, N. J., was taken out of bed by White Caps and forced to leave the town. He has returned and will fight it out.

The McCalla court of inquiry heard several of the officers of the Enterprise in reply to questions prepared by the court concerning the efficiency of administration on board that ship.

Jay Gould and party, who have been at El Paso, Texas, several days, started on a trip through Mexico, accompanied by L. H. Thorn and E. J. Sargent, of the Texas Pacific Road.

Dispatches from various points in the Indian territory state that a general raid has been begun by United States Marshal Walker and his deputies against the sellers of intoxicating liquors.

Chicago has another murder mystery. A woman supposed to be drunk was picked up in the street and died in the county hospital. After death it was discovered that she had undoubtedly been murdered.

The committee on commerce have agreed to report favorably to the house the bill to charter the company which proposes to build a bridge across the Hudson river between New York and Jersey City.

LAREDO, Tex., March 25.—A fire started in the business portion of this city yesterday morning, and before it could be checked, \$100,000 worth of property had been destroyed. It was partially covered by insurance.

A man at Winborne, England, sixty-six years old, married his twenty-five-year-old servant a week after his wife died, and on their way from the register's office the couple were pelted with rice, flour, and peas by a mob.

Ex-Napoleon Ives testified before the committee investigating the New York sheriff's office. He said that during his tenancy in Ludlow street jail it cost him \$10,000 for board and extras. He paid nearly \$10,000 in bribes for a Sunday's outing.

Five men whose votes were challenged at the recent city elections in Biddeford, Me., because their naturalization papers were issued by the municipal court were arraigned on a charge of illegal voting. They pleaded not guilty and gave bonds for their appearance in May.

One of the most festive lynchings entertainments on record took place at White Hall, Wisconsin, some time ago, when about thirty of the neighbors of a crabbed old fellow named Jacob Olsen, turned out one night and hanged him on general principles, his wife and sons participating in the festivities. After it was over the family treated the party to coffee and other refreshments, and they had a good time. A number of arrests have since been made, and the master of ceremonies on that occasion has since hanged himself in remorse.—*Wilmington Star*.

NOTE FIGHTING IN DAHOMEY.

PARIS, March 27.—Advices received here state that there has been further fighting in Dahomey. The latest skirmishing took place at Katonn, between the French troops and the natives and the allies of the latter. During the engagement three were killed and twelve wounded.

NEW YORK'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The grand jury presentment states that it finds that the Sheriff of New York county, after paying all expenses as to suit and other matters, has an income of more than \$50,000 a year. It declares that the Sheriff's office is, and has been, corrupt; that for the purpose of gaining some advantage inconsistent with official honesty, the rights of others have been sacrificed, and the sheriff's office has been prostituted. The conduct of the office has been mercenary, slovenly, and wholly indecent; and the report recommends that the legislature make the office a salaried one, with a salary suitable to it, and to its high responsibilities.

DISASTROUS PRAIRIE FIRE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—The Times Wichita special says: Two sons of W. T. Webster, while playing yesterday morning on their father's farm, near this city, started a disastrous prairie fire. The wind was blowing a gale, and the fire spread with great rapidity towards the northwest, and at latest reports had burned over fifty quarter-sections of land.

The houses, barns and outhouses of ten farmers were destroyed, and a great quantity of grain and hay consumed. So far as can be learned, the loss among the live stock was not severe. The fire has now about burned itself out, but it is feared that the high wind which still prevails, may fan some of the dying embers into a blaze. Loss \$150,000 to \$200,000.